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What should I do if I am stopped by the police and I have a gun in my possession (i.e. in my car)?

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- Remain calm and do not make any sudden movements when approached by the officer
- Inform the officer that you have a gun located in the vehicle
- Once the officer has been informed that you have a gun in the car, ask how the officer would like to proceed
- Always remember to move slowly when retrieving and showing the officer your identification
You are legally obligated to show CCW permit if asked. Wis. Stat. § 175.60(2g)



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If my gun is lost or stolen what do I do?

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- Contact local law enforcement and inform them that your gun is lost or stolen
- Inform the officer that you do not believe that there is any evidence that your gun has or will be used in a commission of a crime
- Provide local law enforcement with the serial number of the gun. If you do not have the serial number, you may contact the firearms dealer where you purchased the gun. They should be able to provide you with this information.

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Where are the places I can't go when I have my gun?

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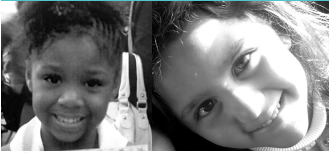
Under Wisconsin law, it is illegal to carry a gun in the following locations:

- Any building that is run by law enforcement (i.e. police station, sheriff's office)
- Any building that is a correctional facility (i.e. jails, prisons) or mental health institutions
- State, county, or federal and municipal courthouses or courtrooms
- Beyond a security checkpoint at airports
- US government property
- School grounds and premises
- Any building or residence where owner gives notice that the possession of guns on their premises is prohibited.

Federal law prohibits possessing a weapon in "federal facilities" defined as "a building or part thereof owned or leased by the Federal Government, where Federal employees are regularly present for the purpose of performing their official duties." 18 U.S.C. § 830. However, firearms may legally be carried on certain federal properties, such as national parks so long as the individual is legally permitted to carry a firearm by the laws of the state where the national park is located.



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Is it legal to shoot my gun in the air?

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- It is illegal to shoot your gun in the air.
- If found guilty of shooting a gun in the air, you may be subject to up to 2 years imprisonment, a \$1,000 fine, or both.

Depending on the circumstances an individual can face potentially greater penalties.

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How should I store my weapon in my home?

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- Your gun should be unloaded at all times unless it is being used
- All guns should be placed in a locked, secured location (i.e. a locked safe) away from children
- Ammunition should be stored in a locked, secured location separate from the gun

Wis. Stat. § 948.55 provides criminal penalties for leaving a loaded firearm within "reach or easy access" of a child. Potential lawsuits or criminal actions can result from negligent storage if someone is harmed as a result, or if children acquire the firearm.

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If I am not a felon can I buy a gun for someone else?

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- It is illegal to sell "or otherwise dispose of any firearm or ammunition to any person knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that such person" is prohibited from possessing a firearm. 18 USC § 922(d). There are also restrictions regarding the transfer of firearms to residents of a different state without using a federally licensed firearms dealer, and other restrictions such as restrictions on age of the recipient. In general, a person gifting a firearm should ensure that the transfer otherwise complies with all state and federal laws regarding the transfer of firearms.
- You may purchase a gun for someone as a gift if the gun is purchased with your own money.
- You are responsible for making sure that the person you are gifting the gun to is legally allowed to possess a gun.
- Also, it is illegal to purchase a gun for someone if you are using their money.

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Many people experience gun violence. Precious Lives is a radio series on WNOV 860am and WUWM 89.7fm that shares stories of real people, gun violence and solutions.

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In memory of Eric Von (1958 - 2016) Radio Host, Community Advocate, Friend. He worked tirelessly in service of his community and was a champion for violence prevention.


Although we are facing a serious problem, the good news is that this problem is preventable. Everyone has a responsibility to promote safety within their homes, neighborhoods and schools.



Mayor Tom Barrett
City of Milwaukee

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In Wisconsin it is illegal to possess a gun if:




- If you have been convicted of domestic violence. Anyone convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence may not possess a firearm. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(9). If the individual was convicted of any felony (including a domestic violence felony) they are also prohibited from possessing a firearm. 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1).
- If you have been convicted of a felony. Under Wisconsin law, Wis. Stat. § 941.29 (1m)(a)-(b), it is illegal for a convicted felon to possess a gun. If you are a convicted felon found in possession of a gun, you are guilty of a Class G felony, which may result in up to 10 years in prison, a \$25,000 fine, or both.
- If you are under 18. Wis. Stat. § 948.60 expressly states that the prohibition does not apply to a gun possessed by someone under 18 that "is being used in target practice under the supervision of an adult or in a course of instruction in the traditional and proper use of the dangerous weapon under the supervision of an adult". Furthermore, children as young as 12 may hunt with a firearm so long as they are accompanied parent or guardian. See Wis. Stat. § 29.304.

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